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Sir:

As a means of complying with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 CFR § 1.53 and in keeping with the guidelines of 37 CFR 1.98, Applicants hereby submit information thought to be relevant to the examination of the above-identified application, Also submitted herewith is a completed form PTO-

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This information was cited in a European Search Report dated April 11, 2005, and it is hereby certified that this disclosure is being made within three months of that date.

United States Patent 5,616,876, Cluts, relates to a system and method for selecting and playing audio selections on the basis of their subjective content.

PCT International Patent Application Wo 00/54187, Kevin J. SHEEHAN et al., relates to a front-end interface for merging all of a user's music and music-related archives into a single unified user interface which is based on real-world metaphors, providing a fun, inviting and easy-to-use multimedia experience. As a desktop-based portal, the a two-way conversation is established between the user and a music supplier by exploiting the Internet and the user's choices.

PCT International Patent Application WO 99/64969 Pieter S. VAN DER MEULEN, relates to a device and method for creating a collection of recordings that can easily be accessed, easily create and categorize, easily create a collection of recordings that can be expanded and modified, reduce storage requirements and protect the collection from loss of recordings. A hierarchical interface is provided to access the collection of recordings.

"Sonique Website," 29 February 2000, relates to a windows audio player capable of handling various audio formats. A

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stylized windowless interface is provided. A playlist editor is provide. Pitch, balance, amplification and a 20-band equalizer may all be adjusted using the interface.

"Winamp Website," 12 December 1998, relates to a computerized music player with various playback options including the playing of playlists.

Respectfully submitted,

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